CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ A device for preventing illegal exportation of a content protected by a global copy protection system to a local copy protection system, wherein each content liable to be exported ~~contains~~ comprises a unique identifier and wherein the device comprises ~~an~~ a memory for storing an exportation table ~~for storing~~ that includes unique identifiers of all contents that have already been exported through said device.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the unique identifier is contained in a part of the content protected by encryption or authentication and wherein the device further comprises means for extracting said unique identifier from the content.

3. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the exportation table is stored in a secure memory of the device.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the exportation table is stored in an encrypted or authenticated form in a conventional memory of the device and wherein the encryption key or authentication key used to encrypt or authenticate the exportation table is stored in a secure memory.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, ~~intended to be used in a local network protected by a global copy protection system, wherein there are a limited number of such devices in the network.~~ wherein the device is comprised in a local network protected by a global copy protection system.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim ~~5~~ 1, ~~there is only one such device in the network.~~ wherein the device is one of a set of devices comprised in a local network protected by a global protection system, each of the devices in the set for preventing the illegal exportation of the content protected by the global copy protection system to the local copy protection system.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ The device according to claim 1, wherein the exportation table stored in said device further contains, for each unique identifier, a

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counter of the number of exportations of the content associated with said unique identifier, this counter being incremented each time an exportation is made through said device.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for recording a content received by a device ~~according to claim 1~~, said device for preventing illegal exportation of a content protected by a global copy protection system to a local copy protection system, each content liable to be exported comprising a unique identifier, the device including an exportation table storing unique identifiers of all contents that have already been exported through said device, said method comprising the steps of: ~~consisting;~~
if the copy is to be made for ~~a~~ the local copy protection system, ~~in:~~ checking whether the unique identifier of said content is ~~contained~~ comprised in the exportation table of said device; and
-      should said checking be positive, then preventing the recording; and
-      should said checking be negative, then recording the content and storing said unique identifier in said exportation table.

9. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for recording a content received by a device ~~according to claim 7~~, said device for preventing illegal exportation of a content protected by a global copy protection system to a local copy protection system, each content liable to be exported comprising a unique identifier, the device including an exportation table storing unique identifiers of all contents that have already been exported through said device and a count of the number of exportations of the content associated with said unique identifier, the count being incremented each time an exportation is made through said device, said method comprising the steps of: ~~consisting;~~
if the copy is to be made for a local copy protection system, ~~in:~~
(a) checking whether the unique identifier of said content is contained in the exportation table of said device; and
-      should said checking of step (a) be positive, then
(b) checking whether a predetermined maximum number of authorized copies has been reached by the counter associated with the unique identifier, and
in case the maximum number of copies has been reached, then preventing the recording; and
in case the maximum number of copies has not been reached, then incrementing the counter and recording the content; and

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- should said checking of step (a) be negative, then recording the content and storing said unique identifier in said exportation table.

10. (Currently amended) ~~Device~~ A device for preventing illegal exportation of a content protected by a global copy protection system to a local copy protection system, said device being adapted to be linked to a local network protected by ~~a~~ the global copy protection system and to convert a content it receives into a content protected by said global copy protection system, and wherein said device is furthermore adapted to generate and store a unique identifier for each content it converts, the unique identifier being inserted in a part of the content protected by encryption or by authentication.

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